

Appl. No. 10/038,761
Amdt. Dated: March 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 17, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-55 are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for his comments and thoughtful analysis of the application. Independent claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the step of mixing the pre-wetted carbohydrate with an aqueous solution is performed "to at least partially dissolve" the carbohydrate. Independent claims 29 and 45 have been amended to replace "mixing" with "at least partially dissolving." Support for these amendments are found on page 12, lines 7-11; page 15, lines 20-24; page 17, lines 11-12; page 18 line 2; and page 21, lines 4-9.

By way of the Office Action mailed October 17, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification allegedly "does not reasonably provide enablement for simply mixing a pre-wetted carbohydrate with an aqueous solution, as in claims 29 and 42, or mixing a pre-wetted carbohydrate with an aqueous solution which is merely capable of at least partially dissolving a pre-wetted carbohydrate, as in claim 1." The Examiner further alleges that "[t]he specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims." This rejection is respectfully **traversed** to the extent that it may apply to the presently presented claims.

It is respectfully believed that the Examiner intended to cite independent claim 45 rather than dependent claim 42. As such, the rejection of claims 1-55 is overcome by the amendment to claims 1, 29 and 45.

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For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance.

Lastly, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the Abstract. The Abstract has been amended to correct a grammatical error by adding the word "that" to line 4.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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